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THE AMERICAN'S CREED.

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic, a sovereign Nation, of many sovereign States; a perfect Union, one and inseparable, established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it against all enemies.

A COUNTY BOARD OF TRADE.

IN its issue of yesterday afternoon The Mannington Leader makes a suggestion, which it says has the endorsement of some of the most influential business men of that city, that there be organized in Marion county a County Board of Trade. The idea as it is developed by our Mannington contemporary calls for a body which would take up such essentially county matters as better schools, better roads, better market facilities for the farmers and truck growers, equalization of tax burdens and the creation of a more energetic Marion county spirit.

It is not the intention to supersede any one of the existing commercial and civic bodies, but to cooperate with them and use them in the furtherance of the county program. That is to say, in working out plans for the benefit of the farmers the County Board of Trade would obtain the cooperation of the Farm Bureau, and perhaps use its machinery to a very large extent. The same principle would apply to the treatment of the problems of the rural merchants in that the Chambers of Commerce of Mannington and Fairmont and the Fairmont Merchants' association would be called upon for active support and assistance. It is the opinion of The West Virginian that this is a very meritorious suggestion and this newspaper will give all the assistance in its power to bring such a body into existence. There is real need for it in Marion county, for there are times when it seems as if there is no such thing as Marion county solidarity. The Evening Leader intimates that a meeting will be called in the near future to discuss the project. We hope that it will be called soon and that it will be held in Mannington where the men who have conceived this project will feel free to tell what they have in mind in their own way and on their own time. We feel sure that if the right men are invited to attend the representation from Fairmont will be large and that every other section of the county will likewise be well represented. If it is launched right a body of the kind suggested will be able to do an immense good within the next few years.

TAKE A ROOMER OR TWO.

ONE day last week The Times made a suggestion that the people of Fairmont more generally than is now the case open their homes to the people who are coming into Fairmont to take positions in the industrial establishments and business houses of the city. Attention was called to the fact that the city is suffering grievously on account of the lack of living accommodations, and it was pointed out that to take some of the fine young men and women who are now coming into Fairmont as paying guests would be a practical way of displaying civic patriotism.

This matter was broached at an opportune time. Some of the larger employers have been bringing new people to

Fairmont recently and they would bring more if they could find places for them to live. These newcomers are in every way desirable acquisitions to the city and we ought to do all we can to make their stay here as comfortable as possible to the end that they be encouraged to make this city their permanent home.

Householders who have one or more rooms that are not now in use ought to open up their homes. This is a matter which the Chamber of Commerce ought to take care of as soon as it gets organized, but meanwhile people who are hunting rooms usually seek out the Y. M. C. A. and householders who notify that institution that they are in position to house one or more of the city's guests probably will soon have inquiries from the right kind of people.

APRIL THE SIXTH.

THIS is the anniversary of that solemn day in 1917 when the nation committed itself to the idealistic program of making the world safe for democracy.

Three years have passed, but who does not even now still sense, as a treasured memory, the spiritual uplift of that day? The soul of the nation was exalted to the high purpose of fashioning a new world out of the wreck of the old order; of freeing little peoples from the yoke of oppression; of making the world unsafe for imperialism.

So it is not surprising that three years later many are dismayed and discouraged in the presence of thwarted hopes, while extreme optimists have gone to the opposite extreme of pessimism.

True it is that democracy is struggling for life in various places. True it is that imperialistic ambition seems to rear its ugly head now and then.

Liberated small nations are fighting among themselves over boundary lines and large nations are dissatisfied with the fruits of their victory. Hunger stalks through many lands, while armies are on the march in various parts of Europe.

Such, briefly, is the state of the world three years after that glorious April the sixth. It is not a pleasing picture, and yet the causes for the discouragement that many Americans feel do not lie so much in the conditions themselves as in the loftiness of the ideals for which America went into the war.

America played for idealism's highest stakes, and it is on that account that results attained seem to fall so short. Men forget that wars themselves cannot establish new orders. Wars are revolutionary in their nature, and new and permanent political systems and reforms are established only through evolution. Wars serve to sweep away old political structures, to make way for the new that must be built on foundations of peace and social order.

Viewed in this light, the war, of which it is now fair to make an appraisal, accomplished all that reasonable men should expect of it.

It may be that there will be pauses in the democratic movement and there may be recessions—such as the German counter revolution seems to be—but the general trend is forward toward the ideal that America set for mankind on that memorable April the sixth.

In Huntington where a blue law has been going on for months a magistrate yesterday held that gasoline is as necessary for an automobile as feed for a horse, and he dismissed charges made against two garage keepers. But in the old days they did not keep feed stores open on Sunday and the livery stables did not do a general feed business.

Miners in Ohio and Kansas yesterday remained away from the mines, and in spite of the fact that one of the items of the new wage agreement is a promise by the officers of the Mine Workers to discourage unauthorized strikes, Alexander Howatt, president of the district in which the Kansas fields are, has issued a statement in which he all but gives the movement his official approval. This man's evil disposition and bad faith are well known. He has been one of the disturbing elements of the whole long drawn out negotiations regarding the new mine wage scale and he has done the cause of organized labor much more harm than he could possibly have done good, even had his wild schemes been successful. What can the Kansas miners hope to gain for themselves by staying away from the mines now? Their action is as foolish as it is futile.

In his conference with local coal operators last evening Col. Schoonmaker, whose turn to be president of the Monongahela railroad has just begun, told the operators that it would help if coal operators were to make an effort to ship coal only to consumers at points where the cars will not get away from the control of the initial road. It certainly would, but it is rather late for the railroads to begin that kind of talk. The great cross hauling evil which has cost the American people hundreds of millions of dollars was deliberately started by the railroads. But if they really are in a mood for reform the National Coal association ought to take the matter up with them and work out systems which will reduce this great economic crime to a minimum.

The Medical society's committee on a venereal disease clinic has been appointed. Now let's see if we can't have a little real action on this. The Rotary club and the city authorities muffed it when it was put up to them, and yet it is a matter of the greatest importance.

It's the lawyers, who are the worst time killers usually.

They are probably feeling pretty nifty down in Pittsburgh today.

Gasoline Gus their favorite stick-up artist and bad man has resumed business at the old stand in Pittsburgh.

Robbed a butcher shop of \$400 yesterday.

Must have been a small butcher shop to have such a small amount of coin on hand, but it will do.

Makes the Pittsburghers feel that they are in the swim like the New York, Philadelphia or Chicago folks.

Thrill every time they pick up a paper, you see.

And a profiteer nicked every time.

TODAY IN STATE HISTORY
By E. E. MEREDITH.

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In the early days when settlement of this part of the country had just begun and the only settlement in the vicinity of Wheeling was at Grave Creek and the only other settlers in the panhandle were in what is now Brooke county, Virginia and Pennsylvania had a bitter dispute about the boundary line. Virginia wanted Pittsburgh and boldly and stubbornly set up a claim to the territory as far north as the fortieth degree of latitude. This would have given Virginia part of Fayette and Greene counties in

Pennsylvania. The line originally drawn by William Penn would have given Pennsylvania a large part of what is now the Monongahela region of West Virginia. In 1767 the surveyors of the Mason and Dixon line, who had been accompanied by an escort of the Six Nations of Indians for a time, laid out the line of what is now Preston and Monongalia counties. The surveyors were stopped at Mt. Morris, Pa., by Delaware and Shawnee Indians who claimed to be tenants of the country. This tied up the survey which was not completed until fifteen years later. Governor Rumrort of Virginia occupied Fort Pitt at Pittsburgh in 1773 and changed the name to Fort Duquesne, establishing a rival court and rival magistrates, precipitating a bitter struggle which was only stopped by the Revolutionary War. It is interesting to consider the differences in the geography today if Virginia had taken in Pennsylvania territory as far as Pittsburgh or Pennsylvania had been able to take the northern counties of West Virginia with Wheeling, Fairmont and Morgantown.

Miss Merrifield is Buried This Afternoon

Funeral services over the body of Miss Alma Merrifield whose death took place Saturday night at her home at Mt. Harmony were held this afternoon at two o'clock from her late residence and were conducted by Rev. A. H. Beavin, of Cumberland, Md., a former rector of Christ Episcopal church, assisted by Dr. J. C. Broomfield, pastor of the M. P. Temple. The funeral was largely attended by relatives and friends, a number going from this city for the services.

What People Say and Some Side Remarks

There is no town in Marion county that has changed more in recent years than Rivesville, and no town in the county has progressed more in the last two years than Rivesville. Homer Price, who has always been more or less intimately connected with Rivesville, believes that that point is destined to added importance in the future. His prediction is: "Rivesville will grow from now on."

George W. Bowers of Mannington, candidate for the Republican nomination for state senate in the Eleventh district, which includes Marion, Monongalia and Taylor counties, has an ad in the last issue of the West Virginia Labor News, published at Clarksburg, in which he says: "I have always worked with and employed union labor."

EAST SIDE NEWS

Death of Mrs. Edna Criss.
A feeling of sadness prevailed among the friends of Mrs. Edna Criss, wife of Beryl Criss when it was learned last evening that she was no more.

For more than a year she had been battling with that dreaded disease, tuberculosis, but all of no avail. She gradually became weaker each day, until last evening at six o'clock her spirit took its flight. A few months ago Mrs. Criss went to the home of her sister, Mrs. May at Clarksburg, Ky., in hopes that the change might do her good but not being benefited she returned here and was taken to the home of her father-in-law, A. G. Criss in State street. Her sister, Mrs. Cora May returned here with her and has cared for her most devotedly ever since her return. Of a gentle, quiet, unassuming disposition none knew her better to love her. She was a faithful wife, a most devoted mother, and her death leaves a sad vacancy in the family circle. She is survived by her husband Beryl Criss and a son Francis, eighteen months of age. Several brothers and sisters and her father, D. T. Jones of Gypsy also survive. She was a member of the Polyanna Class of the Baptist Sunday school and was a faithful attendant while her health would permit. Funeral services will be held at the residence on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock and interment will be made in Maple Grove cemetery by Undertaker R. C. Jones.

Birthday Dinner.

Mr. M. H. Vincent was the honor guest at a dinner given Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wise at their home at Maple Dale Farm, celebrating her birthday. The dinner was a well appointed one and much enjoyed especially by the honor guest.

At Watson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Wilson and children, Mrs. M. R. Merrifield and sons Eldon and Arlington, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson at Watson.

Mothers Club.

The East Park Mothers club will meet at the Community house on Friday afternoon instead of Wednesday as previously announced. A splendid program is being prepared which will be published later.

Covered Dish Supper.

Mrs. J. B. Leveille's class of the First M. P. church will have a covered dish supper on Thursday evening.

STOMACH GOOD AS NEW, FOUR DOCTORS GAVE HER UP

Mrs. Hendricks, Bedford Five Months, Was Able to Work in Two Weeks.

"I was sick last winter for five months with stomach and bowel trouble. Could not turn myself in bed without help. I was under the care of four doctors, and they gave me up. Then Mr. Mills, the druggist, persuaded my husband to try a bottle of Milk's Emulsion. I had only taken it two days until I was sitting up in bed, and in two weeks I was doing my own work. When I began taking it, I weighed only 70 pounds; now I weigh 190 pounds."—Mrs. Mary Hendricks, 900 Lichtfield Road, Owensboro, Ky.

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at six o'clock. All the members and their husbands are invited. After the supper a social hour will be enjoyed.

Birthday Party.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Morris of Columbia street gave a surprise birthday party last evening for her sister Miss Edna Summers. Quite a number of Miss Summers' friends were in attendance and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Games and dancing were the amusements and Miss Summers was given a number of birthday remembrances by her guests.

Personal.

Mrs. J. L. Lough is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Lewis at Buckhannon.

Miss Ocea Selby and Edward and James Corday spent Saturday with Mrs. George Shomaker and her mother Mrs. Sophia Selby in Guffy street. Mr. and Mrs. Will Morris and sons Wilson and William, Miss Edna Boyd and nephew Harry Boyd were guests.

NERVLAX MAKES GEORGE BELLER SLEEP SOUNDLY

Famous Remedy Greatly Improves Health of Well Known Charleston Man.

Just imagine the feelings of a man, who for several years has been unable to sleep nights; was bothered with a bad stomach; was nervous and greatly distressed with gas on his stomach, when he learns he can be cured of his ailments and enjoy the pleasures of this life with his fellow men. Such are the feelings of George W. Beller, well known and highly respected resident of Charleston, who confided his joys to an employee of the Stalnaker drug store.

"I have been a sufferer from stomach trouble for several years," concluded Mr. Beller, "and have taken lots of medicine without experiencing any relief. The other day I heard of Nervlax and decided to give it a trial. It was the luckiest purchase I ever made in my life and after taking one bottle of it I find I am much better. Formerly I hated the sight of a bed because I knew it meant hours of sleeplessness and worry. Now I can scarcely wait until bedtime because I know I will enjoy many hours of restful sleep. Since taking Nervlax I enjoy my eight hours' sleep and get up in the morning feeling greatly rested and refreshed. I think Nervlax is an excellent remedy and I intend to continue the treatment and gladly recommend it to my friends."

Nervlax is one of the oldest and best remedies for stomach, kidney, liver, and bowel troubles and is made from a formula of the late Dr. H. G. O. Cary, eminent stomach specialist. A trial bottle will convince you of its merits.—Adv.

of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Boice at Gratton Sunday. Mrs. Boyd remained for the week with Mrs. Boice.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Johnson and children were guests of relatives at Clarkburg Sunday.

W. S. Johnson and family who resided on the Speedway have gone to Oklahoma to make their future home. O. B. Leveille who spent a few days at here with relatives has returned to his home at Toledo, O.

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"The Play's the Thing," Hamlet argued. But the Melancholy Dane was too early for Ice Cream. Probably why he was melancholy. Too much plum pudding. You can bet that if he had acquired familiarity with our ice cream he would have qualified his assertion to the extent of adding that "After the Play, Ice Cream's the Thing." Hamlet's judgement in such matters was impeccable.

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RUFF STUFF

France celebrated the anniversary of our entrance into the war by beginning a new one.

And if the Tents are not careful they will yet get a chance to experience what a real invasion means.

They have sprung something new in the strike line over in Toledo where striking street car men ask to be paid for time they lost because the city council would not authorize a raise on fares to take care of a wage increase.

Well, maybe the Toledo public is the kind that deserves such treatment.

Of course this weather is regular, all right, but that does not make it any more pleasant.

Anyhow the right to kick at the weather is one of the inalienable things.

If the Mayor were to take to fixing fines on a basis so much per word for the court's time some of these guys who holler a lot would pay pretty roundly.

And the Mayor might have to take to fixing fines on the lawyers also in order to get all the court is entitled to.

And that might not be a bad idea.